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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHAASA 5956

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG, EFIN, EAID

SUBJECT: SCHEDULED MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A) KINSHASA 5802; B) STATE 143078 C) STATE 143048

1. FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA HAS ASKED TO SEE ME TOMORROW MORNING, JUNE 9, WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHY.

2. AS REPORTED REF, UMBA HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME INDICATION OF RESULTS OF THE JUNE 5 PARIS MEETING. NOW THAT MOBUTU HAS RETURNED TO

KINSHASA, PRESSURES ON UMBA TO PRODUCE SOMETHING HAVE PROBABLY INCREASED. MEANWHILE THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS SPECULATIVE PRESS REPORTS, AND DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS COMMENTED ON OUR INTENTION TO LINK ASSISTANCE AND REFORM (REF C). UNLESS IT IS PLANNED THAT PARIS FIVE COORDINATE IN BRIEFING GOZ, I REALLY SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO CONVEY SOME WORD TO UMBA WHEN I SEE HIM JUNE 9.

3. ALSO, UMBA CALLED ME JUNE 7 TO CONVEY TWO POINTS, OBVIOUSLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ON MOBUTU'S ORDERS. FIRST WAS THAT COMBINED FAZ/AFRICAN FORCE WOULD SOON HAVE URGENT NEED FOR POL, AND COULD US HELP MEET THAT NEED. I TOOK LINE THAT (A) US COMMITMENT TO DATE WAS LIMITED TO HELPING TRANSPORT AFRICAN FORCE TO ZAIRE AND DID NOT EXTEND TO PROVIDING ON-GOING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, (B) OUR SUPPORT OF BELGIAN AND FRENCH FORCES IN ZAIRE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, AND I ASSUMED THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY

TO ANY OTHER NATIONAL FORCES IN ZAIRE PENDING FURTHER POLICY DECISIONS; AND (C) IN RESPONSE TO A GOZ REQUEST, WE HAD ALREADY ARRANGED TO MAKE AVAILABLE SOME TWO MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF POL FOR FAZ UNDER OUR FMS PROGRAM. UMBA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, BUT ASKED AGAIN THAT I CONSULT WASHINGTON RE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE POL SUPPORT FOR PAN-AFRICAN FORCE NOW BEING ASSEMBLED IN SHABA.

4. THE OTHER POINT UMBA MADE WAS THAT THE CAE HAD OFFERED 1,000 TROOPS FOR THE SHABA FORCE, AND DIDN'T I THINK 300 WAS PLENTY? I SAID IT REALLY WAS NOT OUR AFFAIR BUT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I WAS SURPRISED THE CAE COULD SPARE THAT MANY MEN AND WONDERED HOW USEFUL THEY WOULD BE IN SHABA. (LATER I DISCOVERED UMBA HAD ASKED THE SAME QUESTION OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WHO HAD RESPONDED IN SIMILAR FASHION AND BELIEVES GOZ IS LOOKING FOR EXCUSES TO GIVE CAE POLITE TURNDOWN.)

5. FINALLY, UMBA MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT SOMALIA WOULD PROBABLY BE AMONG PARTICIPANTS IN SHABA FORCE, NOTING GOS HAD MADE OFFER AND GOZ THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE ANOTHER MOSLEM COUNTRY REPRESENTED. UMBA DID NOT MENTION HOW MANY SOMALIS MIGHT BE COMING.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON PARAS 2-4 ABOVE PRIOR TO JUNE 9 MEETING.

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